

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-14 are now present in the application. The specification, abstract, and claims 1-7 and 9-14 have been amended. Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 12, 2004, and for providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed therewith.

Applicants have also submitted the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 4, 2005 for consideration by the Examiner. However, Applicants have not received an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating that the references have been considered by the

Examiner. The Examiner is courteously requested to provide Applicants with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed therewith with the next official communication.

Drawings

The Examiner did not indicate whether or not the formal drawings have been accepted. Since no objection has been received, Applicants assume that the drawings are acceptable and that no further action is necessary. Confirmation thereof in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The specification has been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

Claims 1-14 have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted

that this objection has been addressed. Accordingly, this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that the container is insertable into and detachable from a door of the refrigerator, not fixed as the Examiner suggested in the instant Office Action. FIGs. 6 and 7 and paragraph [0073] of the specification clearly disclose this feature. Accordingly, all pending claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

In addition, the Examiner in the instant Office Action did not raise any rejection based on 102 or 103 references against claims 1-14. Since claims 1-14 are now definite and clear, it is believed that claims 1-14 clearly define over the prior art and are in condition for allowance.

Additional Cited References

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but rather to merely show the state of the art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

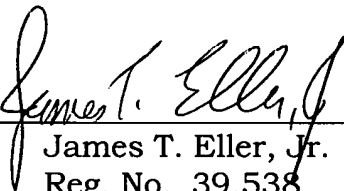
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Respectfully submitted,

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